# Gateway Pregnancy Centers in Irvington and Elizabeth

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Are you a compassionate listener?! Do you want to help women and their boyfriends choose life for their pre-born child? Is God speaking to your heart to share the Good News of Christ with others? If So, Gateway Pregnancy Center could use your gifts of mercy and encouragement We need additional volunteer counselors, both male and female. Many women are accompanied by a boyfriend. No previous experience required! Only 3 hours per week! Bilingual Spanish or Creole helpful but not necessary. Our next training is January 27, 29, and February 3 and 5. (All four days required.) Bring a willing and cheerful heart and the Holy Spirit will provide courage, perseverance and victory! Full ministry description available. (Counselors urgently needed at both Elizabeth and Irvington.)

Do you have the spiritual gift of service? Would you like to help make ready someplace the Lord's work is being done? Gateway needs a willing <u>volunteer to clean</u> the office once every two weeks. It is a small office and should only take about hours to keep it looking great! (Elizabeth only)

#### OTHER URGENT GATEWAY NEEDS

Whether you are the guy from "This Old House" or "Tim, the Toolman" we need a volunteer <u>carpenter</u> to install a door into one of our counseling rooms! Currently, access is only possible through another counseling room. (Elizabeth only)

Handy around the house? We could use your <u>handyman</u> skills to professionally remove overhead wall cabinets, being donated by a doctor's office at 700 N. Broad to us, and to install them in the Gateway office at the same location. (Elizabeth only)

20 "Color TV/built-in VCR to show abortion, adoption or abstinence-related videos. (Elizabeth only)

Do you want to live up to your privileged potential? 'C. H. Spurgeon said, "Whenever God determines to do a great work, He first sets His people to pray." If you are a Christian, you can pray! Gateway is in dire need of <u>prayer partners</u>, people who will pray for counselors, while they are counseling, and for Dean and Joan daily. (Irvington and Elizabeth)

If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Dean

Gavaris, Executive Director at 973-399-8378 or Joan Vitale, Associate Director at 908-353-0604.

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## OTHER URGENT GATEWAY NEEDS (cont'd)

First, we would like to thank all of our faithful givers! Your donations of monthly pledges, support of our banquet, fundraising for our walk-a-thon, and gifts from your churches have enabled us to operate. You have had a personal impact on thousands of lives through Gateway. This is good news! Praise the Lord!

What is more difficult is that this ministry lives a hand-to-mouth existence. Funding is fairly uncertain month to month. Just recently, one of our supporting churches replaced their pastor and the \$20,000 we received last year will no longer be available to us. We ran a slight deficit at year-end 1999. At the same time the move to 700 North Broad St. for our Elizabeth office means that we are now paying \$1,000 per month in rent that we were not paying previously; this is \$12,000 per year! The board and staff at Gateway feel very strongly that the Lord has led us to the new location, so it is up to all of us to dig deep for those resources.

In summary, the needs for the year 2000:

Last year's expenses less shortfall we can't count on: \$100,000

| Shortfall from 1 less church | \$20,000 | Additional rent | 12,000 | Salary increase | 8,000 | Depleted medical account | 8,000 | Focus on the Family National Conf. | 1,500 |

New Funds Needed \$49,500

Year 2000 Budget \$150,000

\$2,500 of this amount must be raised by 1/31/00!!!

Funding from monthly pledges,

church gifts, banquet & walk \$ 62,000

Additional funding needed \$ 88,000

Additional monthly support needed --- \$7,333/month!

With 150 new supporters, or increased support, we would need less than \$50/month!

Please prayerfully consider introducing a friend to Gateway or perhaps increasing your gift.